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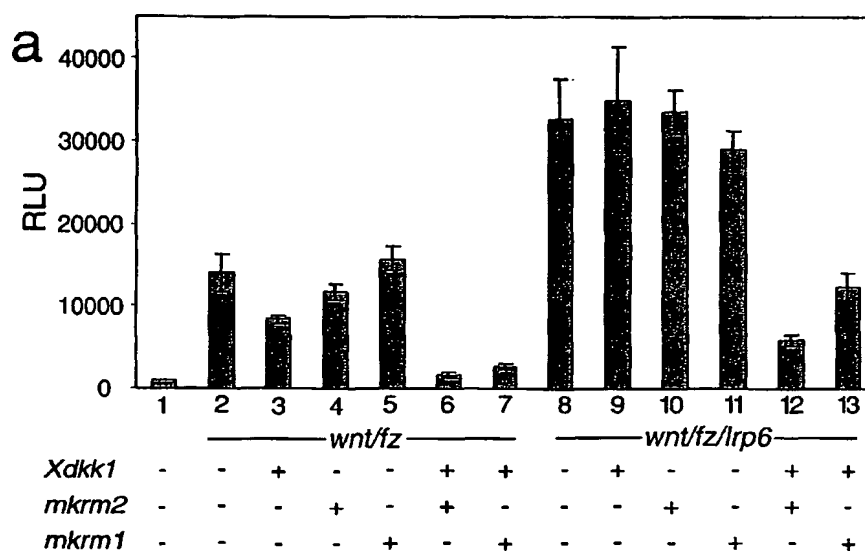
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a composition useful for the diagnosis and therapy of diseases associated with aberrant expression of the gene encoding the receptor Kremen 1 and/or Kremen 2 e.g. tumors or diseases of the kidneys, bones and eyes, lipid and glucose metabolism and obesity. The present invention also relates to a pharmaceutical composition containing a compound which is capable of modifying (a) the expression of the gene encoding Kremen 1 and/or Kremen 2 or (b) the activity of the Kremen 1 and/or Kremen 2 receptor.



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Continuation of Box I.1

Although claim 11 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Continuation of Box I.1

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Diagnostic method practised on the human or animal body

Continuation of Box I.2

Present claims 11,14 and 16-21 relate to diseases defined by reference to their supposed cause, namely to be associated with an aberrant expression of kremen 1 or 2. Similarly, refers claim 22 to a process supporting regeneration.

Present claims 15-22 relate furthermore to compositions and compounds defined only by reference to the following result to be achieved, namely to modulate kremen 1 or 2 (gene or protein).

Claims 15, 18 and 21 finally refer to compounds, which are only defined by the characteristic, that they bind to kremen 1 or 2.

The claims cover all diseases and compounds/ compositions having these characteristics or properties, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such diseases and compounds/ compositions. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the diseases and compounds/ compositions by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for the following parts of the claims:

colon cancer, melanoma and breast cancer
diseases due to renal fibrosis
diseases due to aberrant lipid/ glucose metabolism
high bone disease and osteoporosis-pseudoglioma
tissue repair

compounds/ compositions modulating kremen: kremen 1 and 2 (gene and protein), hybridizing nucleotide sequences and antibodies, because these are the only modulators, which are supported by the description (p12).

binding partners of kremen 1 or 2: dkk 1 and 2, LRP6

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